

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

Claims 1, 4 through 21, and 25 through 31 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 5, and 8 have been amended. Claims 7, 23 and 24 have been canceled. Claims 25 through 31 have been added.

Applicant sincerely appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 4 through 8, 12 through 14, 17 and 19 through 21.

Accordingly, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 7. Claims 5 and 8, which were objected to, have also been re-written in independent form.

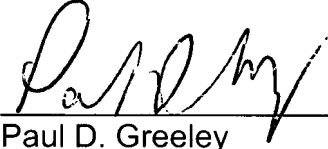
Claims 4 through 6 and 8 through 21 are allowable.

New claims 25 through 31 depend from allowable independent claim 1 and are also allowable.

Consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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